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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: HESITANT ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION
DE-ALERTING NUCLEAR FORCES

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¶1. (C) The GONL is "quite hesitant" regarding the draft resolution for the UNGA's First (Disarmament) Committee to de-alert nuclear forces. According to MFA Director for Nuclear Affairs and Nonproliferation Henk Cor van der Kwast, the GONL is leery of the resolution for many of the same reasons mentioned ref tel. Van der Kwast noted the resolution would have strong implications for NATO's deterrence ability, while the sponsors of the resolution are not members of the Alliance. He said the GONL had instructed its disarmament ambassador not to support the resolution and will direct its embassy in Washington to seek meetings at the State Department to consult and "check signals" on this and other UNGA resolutions. Van der Kwast discussed these issues with polmilooff on October 5.

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